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1. On the morning of 5 October, three trucks  left the 25X1  
Hindenburg Kaserne in Plauen toward Gera. The trucks were occupied by  
10 to 12 officers each. The troops left the installation on 8 October  
after preparations for the move had been made on the previous day. An AT  
unit stationed in the Koenig-Georg Kaserne left for an undetermined destin-  
ation during the night of 8 October. It was learned that maneuvers had been  
scheduled to take place in the Ohrdruf area.

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2. The following military shipments were observed in the Gera railroad station:
- 9 October: guns and prime movers, arriving from the direction of Glauchau  
and proceeding to Grossschwabhausen.
- 12 October: Six 100 mm. AT guns and prime movers, proceeding from Altenburg  
to Grossschwabhausen.
- Eleven T-34/85 tanks, motor vehicles, prime movers, motorcycles,  
and guns, coming from the direction of Goessnitz and proceeding  
toward Erfurt.

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- 13 October: Eleven JSU-122 mm. guns and motor vehicles, proceeding to Erfurt from the direction of Glauchau.
- 16 October: Twenty-one T-34/85 tanks, 15 JSU-122 mm. guns, five 122 mm. mortars, AT guns, and motor vehicles, dispatched in four shipments from the direction of Erfurt toward Plauen.
- 17 October: Forty prime movers, 28 x 100 mm. AT guns and 20 boxcars, coming from the direction of Saalfeld and unloaded at Gera.
- 18 October: Three shipments with 37 x 100 mm. AT guns, 8 other guns, about 60 prime movers, and 37 motor vehicles of the 8th Guards Army, arriving from the direction of Saalfeld and unloaded at Gera.<sup>1</sup>
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- 25X1 3.. Shuttle train [ ] from Magdeburg and shuttle train [ ] from Weimar 25X1  
were dispatched, [ ] to Brest-Litovsk 25X1  
on 14 and 15 October respectively.<sup>2</sup>

25X1A [ ] Comments:

- The information in paragraph 1 indicates that elements of the 39th Guards Rifle Division from Plauen participated in the maneuvers of the 8th Guards Army. The information in paragraph 2 indicates that army artillery units from Altenburg and elements of the 220th Heavy Tank and SP Regiment from Glauchau were also involved. Apparently, some of these units moved to the maneuver area after the beginning of the maneuvers about 10 October. The maneuvers must have terminated on 15 October as the return movements of the units from Altenburg and Glauchau were observed on 16 October. Major elements of the 308th Artillery Brigade, which are believed to have been involved in the maneuvers returned to the Reuss Kaserne in Gera on 17 and 18 October.

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